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# [Despatch Abstract.]

Forests.-

Officers - South Kanara Division - Assistant District Forest Officer - Creation of an additional Madras Forest Service Post - Papers recorded.

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FOREST **DEPARTMENT.**

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FOREST OFFICERS -

Cadre - Assistants to District Forest Officers.

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Reference No. 8485-38-B1.

*Station* Madras, *Dated the* 23rd September 19 38.

From (Name) C.C. Wilson Esq., I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department.

Sir,

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Reference: G.O.No.2189, Press, Development, dated the 5th September 1938.

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In paragraph 10 of the G.O. quoted above, Government have directed that three posts of assistants to District Forest Officers be abolished, and that the remaining four posts be attached to four of the heavy divisions, at the discretion of the Chief Conservator. In their earlier orders, in paragraph 5 of their Memorandum No.724-I/37-8, Development, dated the 15th December 1937,

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Government agreed that the four posts of assistants to be retained were for the Wynaad, Nilambur, Coimbatore South and Kurnool West divisions, the three remaining posts to be abolished being those provided for Ganjam (transferred to Orissa), Godavari Lower and Mangalore South divisions. It is essential that all the four divisions, Wynaad, Nilambur, Coimbatore South, and Kurnool West, for which Government have for a long time past recognised the need for assistants, should still have them. These divisions have always needed assistants, and cannot be managed with any approach to efficiency without them. Wynaad, Nilambur, and South Coimbatore are important, revenue producing timber divisions, which entail heavy and continuous work. If the District Forest Officer is deprived of his assistant revenue will certainly suffer.

Kurnool West is one of the heaviest divisions to manage in the Presidency as, besides, a great deal of exceptionally difficult forest work, there are a large number of Chenchus to control, find work for and keep contented. Until a comparatively few years ago these Chenchus were dangerous savages, and even now there is always the possibility of trouble from them. The District Forest Officer, Kurnool West, must therefore have an assistant.

It is also the case that an assistant is absolutely necessary for the South Kanara division, which has newly been constituted from the 1st September 1938, by the amalgamation of the Mangalore South and North divisions. The discretion now allowed to the Chief Conservator, to employ the four assistants sanctioned in any four heavy divisions, does not solve this problem, since all the five divisions referred to above require assistants, whereas only four posts have been sanctioned.

2. Government having already recognized the need for assistants in the case of the four divisions, Wynaad, Nilambur, Coimbatore South, and Kurnool West, the following justification for an assistant for the South Kanara Division is now submitted for consideration.

3. In the first place, the previous Chief Conservators (except, latterly, Mr.Whitehead, in July 1937,) have considered an assistant essential for the Mangalore South division alone. In connection with the last reorganization of the Forest Department, Sir Daniel Richmond, in proposing a reduction of the sanctioned strength of assistants from twelve to nine, considered an assistant for the Mangalore South division to be necessary. Later, when Government raised the question of eliminating assistants altogether, Sir Daniel Richmond pointed out that the work in a number of forest divisions could not be carried on without assistants, and justified the need for at least seven of them, including the one employed in Mangalore South. He stated "there will be considerable addition to the work of South Mangalore when the new working plan is put into operation. Thousands of areas of Hopea plantations have been formed, much more will be formed - all will require considerable attention. This division will undoubtedly require an Assistant." - vide his letter Reference No.6290-28-C3, dated the 26th July 1930. In February 1931, Government decided to allow seven posts for assistants, of which one was for Mangalore South. Again, in considering the general question of retrenchment throughout the Province in 1931-32, the reduction already made in the number

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of assistants was held to be considerable, and no further retrenchment was considered possible. The cadre finally fixed in G.O.No.1374, Development, dated the 24th October 1932, provided for seven assistants, including one for Mangalore South division. So far therefore, it was recognised by successive Governments, after mature consideration, that Mangalore South, by itself, was heavy enough to require an assistant.

4. In March 1937, however, in paragraph 3 of their Memorandum No.724-I/37-1, Development, dated the 23rd March 1937, Government suggested that the number of assistants might be reduced from six (excluding the one in the Ganjam Division, transferred to Orissa) to three, and that in the place of the remaining three, senior Rangers fit for promotion as Extra Assistant Conservators be employed to help District Forest Officers. Mr. Whitehead, as Chief Conservator, doubted the advisability of employing Rangers as District Forest Officers' assistants, but considered that Mangalore South and Godavari Lower could manage without assistants, and suggested that the sanctioned strength of assistants be reduced to four. Thus it was only in 1937, for the first time, that a Chief Conservator considered it might be possible to do without an assistant in Mangalore South. Government accepted his suggestion, and allowed for four assistants, for the Wynaad, Nilambur, Coimbatore South and Kurnool West Divisions.

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5. A very important point to be noted in this connection is that when Mr.Whitehead made the suggestion for reducing the assistants by two, he did not contemplate the amalgamation of the two Mangalore Divisions. The

proposal

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proposal for amalgamating them was made by me, subsequently, in my Reference No.2838-37-B1, dated the 4th April 1938. In replying to Mr. Paul's Demi Official of the 15th June 1938, I pointed out clearly that the provision for four assistants to District Forest Officers was insufficient, and that after the amalgamation of Mangalore South and North, it would certainly be necessary to give the District Forest Officer in charge of the combined division an assistant. I accordingly recommended that an additional post be provided for. Had I thought that an assistant would not be allowed for the combined division, I consider that it would have been a grave dereliction of duty on my own part, to have advised Government to make the amalgamation I proposed. In view of the considered opinion of the previous Chief Conservators, (except, latterly, that of Mr. Whitehead)× ~~xhxixxxx

6. The area of the new South ~~new~~ Kanara Division is 807 square miles, which, coupled with very heavy, revenue-producing operations, makes it impossible for one District Forest Officer to manage without an assistant. The forests cover the slopes of the Western Ghats and their foot hills, and only to a small extent, the coastal region. They are very scattered, and entail a large amount of very ~~difficult~~ difficult touring, in regions with unbridged rivers, and in hilly country.

7. Again, the common boundary between Mysore and the Reserved Forests of South Kanara, which lies, largely, in mountainous and difficult country, is 188 miles long, and besides its maintenance, the periodical inspection ~~by~~ a gazetted officer, once in three years, prescribed in G.O.No.Ms.1795, Revenue, dated the 7th August 1928, (at one third the length each year) is an arduous task, which has hitherto been divided between the two divisions and when there was an assistant, the work was shared by three officers. The difficult nature of the work will be understood when it is pointed out that in many sections of the boundary, the progress of verification cannot exceed <u>two miles a day</u>. Allowing for the slow progress of inspection resulting from the difficult terrain, and the time taken in getting to and from the boundary, it is estimated that boundary inspection would occupy the one District Forest Officer for about six weeks each year, which could only lead to great inefficiency in his ordinary administration.

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8. The existence of Kumakis (Government waste lands within a hundred yards of assessed lands) carrying special

privileges

privileges known as Kumaki rights, which include use of trees, timber and other forest produce for agricultural and domestic purposes, is a special feature of South Kanara, which renders the administration of Forest Laws particularly complicated and difficult. The concessions granted in 1922, with a view to providing facilities to cultivators for the collection of leaf manure and dead fuel from Reserved Forests, and the abuse of the concessions, necessitating their gradual withdrawal, have added considerably to the difficulty of administering the division.

9. Representations to Government through organized associations like the Land Holders Association, Catholic Association, etc., interpellations and questions in the legislatures, and constant agitation by people with a political consciousness, have proved most troublesome in recent years, as Government are aware. The "Karant's Memorandum" disposed of in G.O.No.Ms. 1189, Development, dated the 10th June 1930, is typical of the clamour for privileges, and of the so-called forest grievances. Petitions alleging corruption amongst forest subordinates, and complaints against them are neither few nor infrequent. The investigation of their subject matter occupies a good deal of the time of the District Forest Officer, and he sometimes has to disorganize his departmental touring so as to enquire into matters which he suspects may be either urgent or important.

10. On the financial side, based on the average of the actuals for the past three years, 1935-36, 1936-37,

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and 1937-38, the revenue for the combined division would amount to Rs.2,03,900, while the expenditure would be about Rs.1,99,800, or a surplus of about Rs.4,100, without taking into consideration the saving on establishment resulting from the amalgamation.

The South Kanara Division is a heavy timber division, and sleeper operations are undertaken on an extensive scale. The revenue from this source alone amounted to Rs.1,02,800 in 1937-38.

11. The annual savings on account of establishment, travelling allowance, and contingencies, resulting from the constitution of the combined South Kanara division, will amount to about Rs.7,300, even after allowing for a gazetted assistant to the District Forest Officer. There are possibilities of development which would very greatly augment the revenue of the division. A scheme for growing cashewnuts - which awaits the orders of Government - is estimated to add a lakh of rupees to the surplus, within a short space of years. Other lines of development are being investigated. But even the present activities of the combined division are more than one officer can supervise, and without an assistant, I submit that neither the cashew nut scheme, nor any other new development, can be undertaken with any prospect of real success. The pressure of departmental work would leave the single District Forest Officer no time at all to keep in touch with the people, whose agitation (always a factor to be reckoned with) would greatly increase, in consequence, and might become a serious embarrassment to Government, since the people are,

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at the same time, both enlightened, and inclined to lack respect for the law.

12. I am convinced that an assistant is absolutely essential, for efficient administration. Without efficient administration I consider that it is more than likely that the division will be run at a deficit, so that the amalgamation, instead of helping finances, will have the reverse effect. No progress is possible without reasonable supervision by officers, and a single officer cannot undertake adequate supervision.

13. From the point of view of improving the finances, in the interests of efficient administration and maintenance of discipline, and lastly (but of much importance) with a view to minimizing discontent amongst the rural population, I request that Government may be pleased to reconsider their decision, and to sanction one more assistant in addition to the four assistants to District Forest Officers provided in the revised cadre. The increase may be made in the Madras Forest Service, by cancelling the order abolishing the sixth post as from the 1st July,1939.

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Madras.

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From the C.C.F. Ref. No 8485-38-31
dated 23-9-1938

As an Officer is now actually employed as an asst. to the D.F.O. Sikkim, the Govt presume that there is no urgency for the creation of a post in the M.F.S. to provide an asst to the D.F.O. Further there are no surplus officers in the I.F.S, and the three surplus officers will be available when the cadre is increased. As soon as the above Officer is promoted, three Divnl officers are agreed to. employed as asst. The C.C. is requested to report whether the presumption is correct.

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To the C.C.F.

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Development Department.

Memorandum No.25791-I/38-3 dated 8th February 1939.

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Officers - Cadre - Assistants to
District Forest Officers.

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From the Chief Conservator of Forests,
Ref.No.8485-38-B.1 dated 23-9-1938.

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As one officer is now actually employed as an Assistant to the District Forest Officer, South Kanara, the Government presume that there is no immediate urgency for the creation of a post in the Madras Forest Service to provide an assistant to the District Forest Officer. Further there are surplus officers in the Indian Forest Service and two more surplus officers will be available when the Chief Conservator's proposals for the abolition of two more Divisions are agreed to. The Chief Conservator is requested to report whether the presumption is correct.

R. RAMASWAMI AYYANGAR,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.

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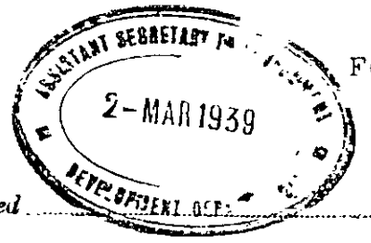


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Forest Officers-

Cadre - Assistants, to District Forest Officers.

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Reference No. 8485-38-Bl.

*Station* Madras, *Dated the* 28th February 19 39

From (Name) C.C. Wilson Esq., I.F.S.,
(Designation) Chief Conservator of Forests.

To The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Development Department.

Sir,

Ref: Government Memorandum No.25791 I/38-3,
Development, dated the 8th February 1939.

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So long as there are surplus officers and it is possible actually to employ one as Assistant to the District Forest Officer, South Kanara, there is, as Government have presumed, no immediate urgency for the creation of a post for the purpose in the Madras Forest Service cadre. But, in view of the clear necessity for a permanent Assistant for South Kanara Division,

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as explained at length in my Reference No.8485-38-Bl, dated the 23rd September 1938, I request that Government be pleased to recognize now the necessity for the provision of a fifth assistant in the cadre, and to sanction the actual creation of the additional post in due course.

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for Chief Conservator of Forests.

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Officers - cadre - Assistants to District Forest Officers (South Kanara)

Correspondence ending with c.c's letter No. 8485-38-B1 dated 28-2-39

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H.E. the Governor is pleased to accept the c.c's proposal for the provision of an Assistant to the D.F.O. South Kanara Division

2 Orders will issue ~~separately~~ in due course regarding the creation of the additional post. One of the Sub-Assistants now working in the Dept will continue to be employed as a Sub-Assistant in this Dept.

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Officers - cadre - Assistants to District Forest Officers.

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From the C.C.F. Ref. No. 8485-38-01 D. 27-9-1938

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To A.S

Please see the C.C's proposal at P.H 1-9 Cf. For the reasons mentioned in paras 3-13 of his letter, the C.C. strongly urges that the post of an Assistant to the D.F.O. South Kanara may be sanctioned. In the circumstances explained by him, the need for an Assistant to be in the South Kanara Division, which was hitherto manned by three officers - two D.Fos and one Assistant - has now ordered to be under one officer, may be accepted. The question for consideration is whether the Assistant to any of the other four Divisions (Wynaad, Nilambur, Coimbatore South and Kumool West) may be dispensed with so that the cadre of Assistants already fixed may remain unchanged. As observed by the C.C. the first three divisions are important revenue producing timber divisions

and assistants to them seem essential

As regards the Kurnool West Division the C.C. observes that the division is one of the heaviest divisions to manage in the Presidency as, besides a great deal of exceptionally difficult forest work, there are a large number of branches to control, hind work for and keep contented. In the circumstances, the need for an ASST. to this Division may be accepted. In fact Govt. have recognised the necessity for assistants to these four divisions — vide Appl. 2 Cf. [Appl 2 Cf]

2 In the last sentence of para 13 of this letter the C.C. requests that the increase of one post, due to the provision of an assistant to the South Kanara Division, may be made in the M.F.S. by cancelling the order abolishing the sixth post as from 1st July 1939. In this connection it is submitted that the ordinary manner of bringing has addressed the Govt. of India for the abolition of the post of Divisional Forest Officer South Kanara, as a measure of retrenchment. That post is included in our M.F.S. cadre. If the proposal is sanctioned by the Govt. of India, one post. [Cf]

[vide Govt. letter dated 6.3.39 to the Govt. of India]

in the M. F. S. will have to be abolished. The post of Asst. to the South Kanara Division, if sanctioned, may be taken as a set off against the post proposed to be abolished by the Govt. Hence the order abolishing the third post from 1-7-1939 need not be cancelled as suggested by the C.C.

~~[illegible]~~ The C.C.'s suggestion, if adopted, will necessitate the non discharge of an officer on 1-7-1939 after due notice. Even if the abolition of the post in Govt is not finally agreed to, it is submitted that the decision to discharge an officer of the F.S. on 1-7-1939 need not be revised as the vacancy to be caused may be filled up by the promotion of a Ranger to the Gazetted ranks as Indian Asst. Conservator. Since the framing of the revised rules for the Madras Forest Service in 1934 which provide for promotion of Rangers to the first three vacancies before direct recruitment is resorted to, no Ranger has yet been promoted as there has been a surplus of officers. This is a standing grievance of the Rangers class which can be alleviated if the suggestion at A above is adopted. This question may, however, be taken up when notice of discharge is to be given to another officer.

3 The file may go to Fin. for acceptance

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of the proposal to sanction an Addl. D.S.P. for South Canara Division (ie) to increase the no. of assistants provided in the cadre (1 I.F.S. and 3 M.F.S.) by one post in the M.F.S.

There is no urgency now. We have Surplus officers at the moment and one is working on an out in Mangalore. We must have the C.S.'s proposals for amalgamation of Dns before we increase the strength recently fixed.

What are the Dns. entitled to hand as Majors? | A

What is the area and revenue of each Major Dn? | B

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[Proof copy of the Admn Report for 1937-38 put up with the Admn Report for which was available on 14-11-38]

I.A.S

Portion A of D.S's note above.

Attention is invited to the statement at P. 79 of the notes and the Appendix at P. 87 of G.O. 1374 Dev. Dt 24-10-1932 according to which the number of Major Divisions was deemed to be 10 and 20 respectively. The distinction between 'minor' and 'major' charges was merely intended to serve as a basis for calculating the strength of the I.F.S. and the M.F.S. — vide 'N' at P. 86 of the G.O. For the purpose of this file (viz) sanction of an Addl's post for the new South Canara Division, it is

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submitted that the ~~number~~ Divisions for which Assistants were sanctioned in the reorganisation of 1932 may be taken as major divisions. They are

X (1) Ganjam.
(2) South Mangalore – 390 Sq mls
(3) Upper Godavari 511 "
(4) Kurnool West 858 "
(5) Coimbatore South 399 "
(6) Wynaad 262 "
(7) Nilambur. 103 "

Note Ganjam has since been transferred to Orissa & may be kept out of account.

Vide 'N' at P 71 and 'A' at P 80 & ff. notes ff. & ab (B)

'B' of Secy's note at P. 4 ante

(A) Resources Controlled & Developed by Govt

The area and revenue of the taluks as well as other Divisions in the Presidency divisions during the year 1937-38 are as follows:-

| | Major Divisions. | Area in Sq. miles. | Total Revenue Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mangalore South | 390 | 91,648 |
| | New South Kanara | 807 | 2,12,489 ✓ |
| 2 | Godavari Upper | 511 ✓ | 2,59,671 ✓ |
| 3 | Kurnool West | 858 ✓ | 1,31,399 ✓ |
| 4 | Coimbatore South | 399 ✓ | 3,25,017 ✓ |
| 5 | Wynaad | 262 ✓ | 3,84,237 ✓ |
| 6 | Nilambur | 103 ✓ | 5,53,754 ✓ |
| | Other Divisions. | | |
| 7 | Vizagapatam | 381 ✓ | 50,435 ✓ |
| 8 | Godavari Upper | 887 ✓ | 80,369 ✓ |

Taken from the Statistical Reports

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| | Name of Division | Area in Sq. miles | Total Revenue Rs. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | Guntur | 612 | 1,28,181 | |
| 10 | Nellore | 373 | 1,03,934 | |
| 11 | Anantapur | 393 | 1,73,407 | |
| 12 | Kurnool East | 820 | 61,361 | |
| 13 | " South | 735 | 1,01,631 | |
| 14 | Cuddapah North | ~~858~~ 932 | 96,220 | |
| 15 | " South | 670 | 78,392. | |
| 16 | Chittoor | 576·39 | 82,596 | Jathampur 14 |
| 17 | Vellore East | 471·20 | 2,15,693 | Admn Report |
| 18 | " West | 349·51 | 1,26,360 | |
| 19 | Salem North | 519·27 | 4,45,365 | |
| 20 | " central | 549·71 | 1,23,869 | |
| 21 | " South | 391·30 | 1,10,277 | |
| 22 | Kollegal | 940 | 1,57,587 | |
| 23 | Coimbatore North | 831 | 2,04,417 | |
| 24 | Madura | 616 | 2,00,744 | |
| 25 | Tirunelveli cum Ramnad | 409 | 1,40,249 | |
| 26 | ~~Hydrographic~~ Palghat. | ~~25~~ 1 | 1,19,852 | |
| 27 | ~~Palghat~~ The Nilgiris | 4.88 | 1,36,181 | |

2. With reference to the marginal note of Asst Secy. at P. 4 ante, it is submitted that the C.C.F. has since reported that he would submit proposals for the amalgamation of Forest Divisions and Range charges early in 1939.

For orders whether this file

may be over till the C.C's proposals are received and considered by Govt.

The question raised by the C.C. is also an assistant to the D.F.O. of the newly reconstituted S. Kanara Div. There was an asst. to each of the two Divs into which the Dt was formerly divided. Judged by the area of the new Div, we may expect an asst.

But the point is whether this one should be in addition to the four assistants' posts in our original proposals. The Divn that it was thought would require asst were

| | Area | Revenue |
|---|---|---|
| Kanara West | 858 Sq miles | 1,31,399 |
| S. Coimbatore | 399 " | 3,25,017 |
| Wynaad | 262 " | 3,84,237 |
| Nilambur | 103 " | 5,53,754 |

Particulars of the extent of the other Divs are given below:-

S. Kanara with an area of 807 Sq miles.
Godavari Upper with an area of 887 Sq miles

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| Kanara East | " | 820 " |
| Cuddapah North | " | 932 " |
| Kollegal | " | 960 " |
| Chingleput North | " | 831 " |

The following amounts from the revenue point.

| | Rs. |
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| S. Kanara | 2,12,489 |
| Anantapur | 1,73,407 |
| Vellore East | 2,15,693 |
| Salem North | 4,45,965 |
| Kollegal | 1,57,387 |
| Chingleput North Madras | 2,04,417 |
| | 9,50,744. |

Judged from these figures, it shd be possible for Kurnool West D.F.O. to manage without an assistant and the asst intended for him may be diverted to S. Kanara. It was for this reason that the Govt ordered that the four asstls must be located by the C.C. at his discretion. The reason given by the C.C. for an asst for Kurnool was that it is a difficult Dn, heavy formage & the officer has work to do in connection with Chenchus. The extract in the Chenchu officer and there is a fish ranger as asst chenchu officer. It shd therefore be possible for the D.F.O. to get all the assistance he requires by leaving ~~of~~ managing the Chenchus from these two officers.

There is therefore no need for increasing the no of asstls from four to five by an additional one for S. Kanara.

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I don't agree that Kurnool West Can be managed by a D.F.O single handed. Adequate reasons have been given in the past discussions & this file in support of this view and I would add that owing to extreme unhealthiness of the

forests in the division the D.F.O or his asst will often be ill. There should be two officers to run the Division efficiently, a D.F.O and a Gazetted Asst.

The C.C. has I think put up a convincing case for an asst for the amalgamated South Kanara Division. and I think the no of asst should be increased to four. There is no need however to interfere with the retrenchments in the M.F.S already effected. The Coorg Adm[n] will be sending back the Asst now working there. The post could be utilised for providing an asst to the South Kanara Division

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The proposal is that a Gazetted Assistant to the D. F. O., may be provided for the South Kanara Division which has newly been constituted from the 1st Sep. 1938 by the amalgamation of the Mangalore South and North Divisions. Before the proposal is noted on in this Dept., Dev. may be requested to put up the original of G. O. No. 2108 Dev. dt 27-8-38 in which the amalgamation was sanctioned and a copy of the correspondence and notes connected with G. O. No. 2169 (Press) Dev. dt 5-9-38 said to be under print.

2. It may be noted that one of the surplus officers is already working as an Assistant in the Division - See marginal note on page 4 ante. Pending the receipt of the orders of the Secretary of State, surplus officers in the Forest Dept. will presumably be available for some time to come, and there is therefore no urgency for the creation of the proposed additional post.

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To A.S

Please see the Fin. Dept note at P.10 ante. With reference to para 4 of the note, a proof copy of Dev No 2189 Dev dt 5-9-1938 (with notes) is put up at flag (I). The original G.O. 2108 Dev. dt 27-8-1938 is put up at (M). The file may be returned to Fin. for further remarks.

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Finance (E.II).

(Previous Finance note on p.10 ante).

In G.O.No.2108 Dev. dated 27-8-1938, the Government sanctioned the Chief Conservator's proposals to amalgamate with effect from 1st September 1938 the Mangalore North and Mangadore South Forest divisions into one forest division to be known as the South Kanara Forest Division. The Development Department now propose, at the instance of the C.C. of Forests, that a Gazetted Assistant to the D.F.O may be sanctioned for the above newly constituted division by increasing the number of Assistants fixed from ~~for~~ four to five.

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The main reasons advanced by the Chief Conservator are:

(1) As already recognised by the Govt. in their earlier orders, in para 5 of their Memorandum No.724-1/37-8 dated 15-12-1937, it is essential that all the four divisions, Wynaad, Nilambur, Coimbatore South and Kurnool West should each have an assistant.

(2) It was recognised by successive Govts. in the past that Mangalore South, by itself, was heavy enough to require an assistant.

(3) It was already brought to the notice of the Government that after the amalgamation of Mangalore South and North, it would be necessary to give the District officer in charge of the combined division an assistant.

(4) As against three posts - two District Forest officers and an assistant - sanctioned for the two Mangalore divisions, it cannot reasonably be expected in consequence of the amalgamation, to abolish more than one post, namely that of the District Forest officer of the Mangalore North Division.

(5) The area of the new South Kanara Division is 807 square miles, which, coupled with very heavy revenue-producing operations makes it impossible to manage without an assistant.

2. When the Chief Conservator previously

portion A on p.30 of notes to G.O.2189 Dev.d.24-9-38. (T)

urged the necessity for employing an assistant to the new amalgamated division, Development commented as follows:-

Now he wants an assistant for the amalgamated divisions. I do not see any virtue in amalgamating the divisions and providing a second officer which does not really result in any retrenchment. A few ministerial hands that will be saved are not worth saving if a second superior officer is to be retained in the division. Work will be much better done and will be worth more than the cost of the clerical staff if divisions are left alone.

It has, however, to be remarked that before amalgamation the two divisions had three superior officers and that the amalgamation has resulted in the retrenchment of one of these officers. In view of this fact and of the reasons - which seem convincing - given by the Chief Conservator, this Department may agree to the creation of a post of Gazetted assistant in the M.F.S. for the new South Kanara Division.

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But as already pointed out in para 2 of this department's note on p.10 ante, there is no urgency for the creation of this additional post. It may be deferred until no surplus officer becomes available for doing duties as an assistant in the new South Kanara Division.

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To A S

Please see the Fin. Dept.'s note from P. Hamilton. They agree to the proposal to create a post of Assistant in the M.F.S. for the new South Canara Division but consider that this may be deferred until no surplus officer becomes available for doing duties as an Asst. Evidently they refer to the fact that at present there are officers in the I.F.S. surplus to requirements as fixed in para 12 of G.O. 2189 Dev. dt 5-9-1938. The sanction of the Secretary of State for the abolition of 15 posts in the I.F.S. has not yet been received.

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P. 16 ante (T)

2 If orders are to issue now for the creation of the post the figures in the Establishment of the M.F.S. in para 12 of the G.O. referred to above will have to be altered as follows:-

P. 16 ante (T)

| | As existing. | To be altered |
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| 7. Asst. to D.F.Os. - - | 3 | 4 |
| Total | 20 | 21 |
| Grand total (both I.F.S. & M.F.S.) | 56 | 57 |

3 There is already a proposal to abolish the post of Divisional Asst Collector, Coorg (A.F.S) – vide linked file. In connection with the amalgamating of the existing Asst Divisions the C.C. F. has already indicated that one of the three Mysore and one of the three Salem Divisions will be recommended for abolition. It is therefore likely that further posts in the A.F.S. will be abolished and the requirements will be reviewed the Divisions alive. The C.C. has promised to submit his proposals by the beginning of February 1939. As observed by Fin. there is no urgency in the matter of creating a post div as much as an assistant is already employed in the Division which was made possible owing to surplus officers in the I.F.S.

Separate file

4 In the circumstances, it is for orders whether the issue of orders in this file may be deferred till the questions referred to in para 3 above are settled.

~~In order~~

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Ack of GoI's proceedings is Correct

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To A.S

A draft G.M. to the C.C.F. is submitted for approval.

The Secretary has reported that two Dr. supplies have been established. This will mean that two more officers will become available.

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Reply from the C.C.F. Ref. No. ~~25078/D/38/3~~ 8485-38-81 D/28-2-39] P.P 12-13 C/

To A.S

Please see the G.M. at P. 11 C/. and the C.C's reply at PP 12-13 C/. The necessity for an Asst to the South Kanara Division has been recognised - vide 'N' at P. 13 C/ the Dept note. But the point is that the issue of orders sanctioning a post in the I.F.S. may be deferred till no supplies Officer becomes available for doing the duties of an Asst — (vide) till the supplies in the I.F.S. cadre is wiped out on receipt of the Secy of State's orders abolishing 15 posts in that cadre. The C.C.F. may be informed that the necessity for the post of an Asst to the South Kanara Division has been recognised

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A draft G.M. is submitted for approval. The file may be circulated before the issue of

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the draft O.M. according to the latest amendment to para 50 (a) of the Budget manual, all proposals for the creation of gazetted posts should be treated as Part II Schemes. In this case, the proposal forms part of the retrenchment proposals and until the final strength of the services is fixed, such additions cannot be allowed. Hence the above amendment does not affect the present proposal which has been accepted by Finance.

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Please see the O.M. in the C.F. at p. 14 C.F.
This file was kept open

for creating an additional post in the M.F.S. Cadre for employment as Assistant D.F.O. at South Kanara. after obtaining the orders of the Secy. of State for India for the abolition of all the surplus I.F.S. posts - As the proposal to abolish the surplus I.F.S. posts has since been dropped ~~it is submitted~~ there is no necessity to keep this file open any longer - The ccf may perhaps be told to apply for the creation of the additional M.F.S. post when there are no surplus officers for employment as assistant D.F.O, South Kanara recording in paper

A draft order is submitted

Cf. A on p 13 ante

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